

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTSFILED
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JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,)
 JOHN HANCOCK VARIABLE LIFE INSURANCE)
 COMPANY, and INVESTORS PARTNER LIFE)
 INSURANCE COMPANY,)
 Plaintiffs,)
 v.)
 ABBOTT LABORATORIES,)
 Defendant.)

CIVIL ACTION U.S. DISTRICT COURT
NO. 03 CV 12501 DPW DISTRICT OF MASS.

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STIPULATION TO ENLARGE TIME

Plaintiffs John Hancock Life Insurance Company, John Hancock Variable Life Insurance Company, and Investors Partner Life Insurance Company ("Plaintiffs") and defendant Abbott Laboratories ("Defendant") hereby stipulate that the time within which Defendant must answer or otherwise respond to Plaintiffs' Complaint shall be, and is hereby enlarged to and including January 23, 2004.

JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE
COMPANY, JOHN HANCOCK VARIABLE
LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, AND
INVESTORS PARTNER LIFE INSURANCE
COMPANY

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Dated: December 19, 2003

SO ORDERED

 Douglas P. Woodlock
 United States District Judge

Entered: _____

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this day a true copy of the above document was served upon the attorney of record for each party by mail by hand

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